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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—(After a pause) "I am not able to trace the reference; I think I have made myself clear. With reference to the question put by my hon. Friend Mr. Raghuchardra Ballal, a series of rules was published and it is with reference to those rules I ask whether they do not restrict the privilege given to take green leaves for manure."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:-"Regular forest panchayats do not exist in South Kanara. If my hon. Friend wants any more information, I shall be glad to give him if he

comes to my room."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha: "They were published in the proceedings. I refer to those rules and not to other rules."

The hon, the PRESIDENT :- " I think the controversy might be settled out of the Council."

Government Press.

Disbandment of compositors in the Government Press.

*2418 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state-

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of a number of compositors in

Settlement section of Government Press were dispensed with;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of them were on permanent staff; and

(c) whether it is a fact that many of them have put in long service?

A.--(a) Yes. As a consequence of the transfer of the printing of settlement registers from the Government Press to private presses the temporary establishment engaged on this work in the Government Press has been disbanded.

(b) No.

(c) The men whose services have been dispensed with have put in service ranging from eleven years downwards.

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR: - "Sir, with reference to the answer to clause (c), may I ask whether it is not a hardship to dispense with the services of people who have put in eleven years' service?"

The hon, the PRESIDENT :- " It is a matter of opinion."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:-"I suppose it is a matter of opinion as you have said."

Local Boards.

Alleged disabilities of Mr. A. Muthusaveri of the Kurumballur Union Board.

* 2419 Q .- Mr. R. VEFRIAN: Will the hon, the Minister for Local

Self-Government be pleased to state-

(a) whether it is a fact that the Adi-Dravida Union Board member by name Mr. A. Muthusaveri of the Kurumballur Union Board, Perambalur tarak, Trichinopoly district, has been asked to stand outside the Union Board Office during the time of the meeting instead of allowing him to sit along with other members for fear of pollution by the present President or Chairman of the Union Board;